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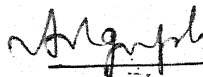
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### ABSTRACT

A simple accurate weight-function  $\bar{W}(\mu)$  has been used instead of the exact  $W(\mu)$  and with this weight-function orthogonal polynomials  $C_1$  have been developed. The solution of the one-speed transport equation has been found out by taking the transient integral as a sum and using a rational function approximation  $\varphi_\epsilon(\nu, \mu)$  to the exact  $\varphi(\nu, \mu)$ . This method of finding out the solution of the transport equation by approximation has been applied to different problems of the transport theory and the results are found to be reliable.

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## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

The one-speed transport equation plays an important role in the transport theory. The complete set of eigenfunctions of this equation contains singular distributions in the form of the Cauchy principal value and dirac delta distributions ~~functionals~~ besides regular functions, see Case and Zweifel [1] for details.

We are concerned with the solution of the homogeneous one-speed equation

$$\mu \frac{\partial \Psi(x, \mu)}{\partial x} + \Psi(x, \mu) = \frac{c}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \Psi(x, \mu') d\mu' \quad (1.1)$$

for full-and half-range boundary conditions. There are two different ways of obtaining the solution of this equation. One is the Case's method and the other is Wiener-Hopf method. The Case's method, like the Wiener-Hopf method, is <sup>exact</sup> ~~accurate~~ and gives the exact solution of Eq. (1.1). It is analogous in some respects to the method of separation of variables commonly used for the solution of partial differential equations. In both, a complete set of elementary basis solutions is sought, and then a suitable combination of solutions is found that will satisfy the boundary conditions or the conditions at the source. The major

difference is that one of the elementary solutions of the transport equation is singular, i.e., it has meaning only when it appears inside integrals.

The Case's solution in standard notation [1] is

$$\Psi(x, \mu) = a_{0+} \exp(-x/\nu_0) \varphi_{0+}(\mu) + a_{0-} \exp(x/\nu_0) \varphi_{0-}(\mu) + \int_{-1}^1 A(\nu) \exp(-x/\nu) \varphi_{\nu}(\mu) d\nu \quad (1.2a)$$

and

$$\Psi(x, \mu) = a_{0+} \exp(-x/\nu_0) \varphi_{0+}(\mu) + \int_0^1 A(\nu) \exp(-x/\nu) \varphi_{\nu}(\mu) d\nu$$

$$\mu \geq 0, \quad x \geq 0 \quad (1.2b)$$

for the full-and half-range problems, respectively.

The Case eigen-functions are

$$\varphi_{0\pm}(\mu) = \frac{c\nu_0}{2} \frac{1}{\nu_0 \pm \mu} \quad (1.3)$$

$$\varphi_{\nu}(\mu) = \frac{c\nu}{2} P \frac{1}{\nu - \mu} + \lambda(\nu) \delta(\nu - \mu) \quad (1.4)$$

where  $\nu_0$  satisfies

$$\frac{c\nu_0}{2} \ln \frac{\nu_0 + 1}{\nu_0 - 1} = 1 \quad (1.5)$$

The necessary and sufficient conditions for the determination of the constants  $a_{0\pm}$  and  $A(\nu)$  are the orthogonality integrals [1]

$$\int_{-1}^1 \mu \varphi_{0\pm}^2(\mu) d\mu = N_{0\pm} \quad (1.6a)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \mu \varphi_{\nu}(\mu) \varphi_{\nu'}(\mu) d\mu = N(\nu) \delta(\nu - \nu') \quad \nu, \nu' \in (-1, 1) \quad (1.6b)$$

where

$$N_{0\pm} = \pm \frac{c\nu_0^3}{2} \left( \frac{c}{\nu_0^2 - 1} - \frac{1}{\nu_0^2} \right) \quad (1.6c)$$

$$N(\nu) = \nu \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{c\nu}{2} \ln \frac{1+\nu}{1-\nu} \right)^2 + \frac{c^2 \pi^2 \nu^2}{4} \right] \quad (1.6d)$$

for the full-range problem, and when  $\nu, \nu' \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\int_0^1 W(\mu) \varphi_{0+}(\mu) \varphi_{\nu}(\mu) d\mu = 0 \quad (1.7a)$$

$$\int_0^1 W(\mu) \varphi_{\nu}(\mu) \varphi_{\nu'}(\mu) d\mu = W(\nu) (N(\nu)/\nu) \delta(\nu - \nu') \quad (1.7b)$$

$$\int_0^1 W(\mu) \varphi_{0\pm}(\mu) \varphi_{0+}(\mu) d\mu = \mp \left( \frac{1}{2} c\nu_0 \right)^2 X(\pm \nu_0) \quad (1.7c)$$

for the half-range case [1].

The set of eigen-functions  $\{\varphi_{0\pm}(\mu), \varphi_{\nu}(\mu), -1 \leq \nu \leq 1\}$  of Eq. (1.1) are complete in  $L_2[0:1]$  with respect to the weight function  $W(\mu)$  given by

$$W(\mu) = \frac{c\mu}{2(1-c)} \frac{1}{(\nu_0 + \mu)X(-\mu)} \quad (1.8)$$

where

$$X(-\mu) = \frac{1}{\alpha + \mu} \Omega(-\mu) \quad (1.9)$$

$$\Omega(-\mu) = 1 - \frac{c\nu_0^2}{2} \mu \int_0^1 \frac{1-t^2 X^2(0)}{(\nu_0^2 - t^2)(\mu+t)\Omega(-t)} dt \quad (1.10)$$

with

$$X(0) = \frac{1}{\nu_0 \sqrt{1-c}} \quad (1.11)$$

Also

$$X(\nu_0) = -\left( \frac{\nu_0^2(1-c)-1}{2a_{OM}(1-c)} \right)^{1/2} \frac{1}{\nu_0^2(\nu_0^2-1)} \quad (1.12)$$

$$X(-\nu_0) = a_{OM} X(\nu_0) \quad (1.13)$$

where

$$a_{OM} = -\exp(-2z_0/\nu_0) , \quad (1.14)$$

$z_0$  being the extrapolated end point. Once the coefficients are determined, then the flux and leakage can be calculated according to the problem considered. The weight function  $W(\mu)$  given by Eq. (1.8) is a non-analytical function. Also the weight function is expressed in terms of  $\Omega(-\mu)$  which satisfies the non-linear integral equation (1.10). Though the Case's method solution is exact, it is quite complicated to evaluate the integral in the solution of the transport equation because of its singular nature and the nature of  $A(\nu)$ . For example, consider the Milne problem [1] in which we seek solutions of the homogenous transport equation subject to

$$\Psi(x, \mu) \rightarrow \Psi_{0-}(x, \mu), \quad x \rightarrow \infty \quad (1.15)$$

where  $\Psi(x, \mu)$  is the solution of the problem, and to the condition at  $x = 0$ ,

$$\Psi(0, \mu) = 0, \quad \mu > 0 \quad (1.16)$$

The solution to this problem can be taken to be a linear combination of the fundamental solutions which vanish at infinity <sup>with</sup>  $\Psi_{0-}$ . Hence,

$$\Psi(x, \mu) = \Psi_{0-}(x, \mu) + a_{0+} \Psi_{0+}(x, \mu) + \int_0^1 A(\nu) \Psi_\nu(x, \mu) d\nu \quad (1.17)$$

The condition (1.16) then gives

$$-\varphi_{0-}(\mu) = a_{0+} \varphi_{0+}(\mu) + \int_0^1 A(\nu) \varphi_\nu(\mu) d\nu, \quad \mu \geq 0 \quad (1.18)$$

By applying the orthogonality relations [1],  $a_{0+}$  and  $A(\nu)$  can be found immediately:

$$\frac{W(\nu)N(\nu)}{\nu} A(\nu) = - \int_0^1 W(\mu) \varphi_\nu(\mu) \varphi_{0-}(\mu) d\mu \quad (1.19a)$$

or

$$A(\nu) = \frac{-c\nu_0 X(-\nu_0) \varphi_{0-}(\nu) \nu^2}{(\nu_0 - \nu) \gamma(\nu) N(\nu)} \quad (1.19b)$$

where

$$N(\nu) = \nu[(1 - c\nu \tanh^{-1} \nu)^2 + c^2 \pi^2 \nu^2/4] \quad (1.19c)$$



Similarly

$$-\left[\frac{1}{2} c\nu_0\right]^2 X(\nu_0) a_{0+} = - \int_0^1 \gamma(\mu) (\nu_0 - \mu) \varphi_{0+}(\mu) \varphi_{0-}(\mu) d\mu \quad (1.20a)$$

so that

$$a_{0+} = X(-\nu_0)/X(\nu_0) \quad (1.20b)$$

In the Albedo problem [1], in which we wish to obtain a solution to the homogeneous transport equation for  $0 \leq x \leq \varphi$  subject to the two boundary conditions

$$\Psi_a(0, \mu) = \delta(\mu - \mu_0) \quad \mu_0, \mu > 0 \quad (1.21a)$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \Psi_a(x, \mu) = 0, \quad (1.21b)$$

the solution is taken in the form

$$\Psi_a(x, \mu) = a_{0+} \Psi_{0+}(x, \mu) + \int_0^1 A(\nu) \Psi_\nu(x, \mu) d\nu \quad (1.22)$$

where, the coefficients  $a_{0+}$  and  $A(\nu)$  are obtained from the boundary conditions, Eq. (1.21a) using the half-range orthogonality formulas [1].

$$A(\nu) = \frac{\nu W(\mu_0) \varphi_\nu(\mu_0)}{N(\nu) W(\nu)} \quad (1.23)$$

and

$$a_{0+} = -2\gamma(\mu_0)/c\nu_0 X(\nu_0) \quad (1.24)$$

Thus from the two examples mentioned above, we see that the nature of  $A(\nu)$  <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ quite complicated and the integration involving this in Eqs. (1.17) and (1.22) cannot be evaluated analytically. Therefore it becomes necessary to find an approximation for the integral in the solution of the one-speed transport equation. This is the principal objective of the present thesis.

In the conventional  $P_N$  approximation, the exact solution  $\Psi(x, \mu)$  given by Eq. (1.2a) is approximated in the form of a truncated Legendre polynomial expansion of the functions  $\varphi_{0\pm}(\mu)$  and  $\varphi_\nu(\mu)$  and this forms the basis of the  $P_N$  approximation [2]. This approximation is equivalent to

$$g_{N+1}(\nu) = 0, \quad (1.25)$$

where  $g_n(\nu)$  are the coefficients in the expansion of  $\Psi(x, \mu)$  as a sum and are given by

$$g_n(\nu) = \int_{-1}^1 \varphi_\nu(\mu) P_n(\mu) d\mu \quad (1.25a)$$

Using Eq. (1.3) and (1.4) for  $\varphi_\nu(\mu)$ , we have

$$g_n(\mu) = c\nu Q_n(\nu) \quad , \quad \nu \notin (-1, 1) \quad (1.26)$$

and

$$g_n(\nu) = c\nu P Q_n(\nu) + \lambda(\nu) P_n(\nu), \quad \nu \in (-1, 1) \quad (1.27)$$

where  $Q_n(\nu)$  are Legendre polynomials of second kind [2] .

The Eq. (1.25) discretizes  $\nu$  to  $(N+1)$  values. The conventional  $P_N$  approximation then considers the largest two of them as the asymptotic relaxation lengths and the remaining  $(N-1)$  as the transient ones. The two largest roots are obtained from Eq. (1.26) by imposing the condition that  $g_0(\nu) = 1$ .

In the transport-theoretic  $P_N(TF_N)$  approximation, the infinite sums for the two asymptotic roots, i.e.,  $\varphi_{0\pm}(\mu)$  are retained and the series for the transient part is terminated. The solution is written as [2]

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(x, \mu) = & \bar{a}_{0+} \exp(-x/\nu_0) \varphi_{0+}(\mu) + \bar{a}_{0-} \exp(x/\nu_0) \varphi_{0-}(\mu) \\ & + \sum_{j=\text{roots}} A(\nu_j) \exp(-x/\nu_j) \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{2n+1}{2} g_n(\nu_j) P_n(\mu). \end{aligned} \quad (1.28)$$

The coefficients in Eq. (1.28) are to be determined from the boundary conditions. Here the standard free surface Marshak boundary condition is modified to get the exact extrapolated end point. The solution of the source free Milne problem [2] is considered and the integral in the solution is replaced by a sum and the coefficients are obtained from the half-range orthogonality relations [2].

This  $TP_N$  formalism has been applied to the following problems [2]

1. The emergent angular distribution and leakage for the Milne problem
2. The scalar flux in Milne problem when  $c = 1$
3. leakage in constant source Milne problem
4. the critical problem
5. Interface and source problems

and the results are compared with the exact values. The  $TP_N$  approximation gives significant improvements over conventional  $P_N$  method, except in those cases where the effect of the transients is especially important.

Another method known as the  $F_N$  method in Neutron-Transport theory [6] is used to solve the half-space albedo problem and the half-space constant-source Milne problem. The half-space problem is defined, for  $c < 1$ , by

$$\mu \frac{\partial \Psi(x, \mu)}{\partial x} + \Psi(x, \mu) = \frac{c}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \Psi(x, \mu') d\mu' + a \quad (1.29)$$

$$\Psi(0, \mu) = 1 - a \quad \mu > 0 \quad (1.30)$$

and

$$\Psi(x, \mu) \rightarrow \frac{a}{1-c}, \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty \quad (1.31)$$

Here  $a = 1$  yields the usual constant-source Milne problem, and  $a=0$  yields the half-space albedo problem. A particular solution of the problem is [7]

$$\Psi(x, \mu) = A(\nu_0) \varphi(\nu_0, \mu) \exp(-x/\nu_0) + \int_0^1 A(\nu) \varphi(\nu, \mu) \exp(-x/\nu) d\nu + \frac{a}{1-c}, \quad \mu > 0 \quad (1.32)$$

Then, on noting that

$$\int_{-1}^1 [\Psi(x, \mu) - \frac{a}{1-c}] \mu \varphi(-\xi, \mu) d\mu = 0, \quad \xi \in P \quad (1.33)$$

where  $\xi \in P \Rightarrow \xi = \nu_0$  or  $\xi = \nu \in (0, 1)$ , we have

$$\frac{2}{c\xi} \int_0^1 \varphi(\xi, \mu) \Psi(0, -\mu) \mu d\mu = \frac{2a}{c} + (1-a) \left[ 1 - \xi \log\left(1 + \frac{1}{\xi}\right) \right] \quad \xi \in P \quad (1.34)$$

The last equation has been obtained by splitting the interval  $(-1, 1)$  to  $(-1, 0)$  and  $(0, 1)$  and using the Eq. (1.30) in the last integral, i.e., for the interval  $(0, 1)$ .

We enter for the emergent distribution,

$$\Psi(0, -\mu) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^N a_{\alpha} \mu^{\alpha}, \quad \mu > 0 \quad (1.35)$$

into Eq. (1.34) evaluated at selected values of  $\xi$  to obtain the  $F_N$  equations

$$\sum_{\alpha=0}^N a_{\alpha} B_{\alpha}(\xi_{\beta}) = \frac{2a}{c} + (1-a) \left[ 1 - \xi_{\beta} \log\left(1 + \frac{1}{\xi_{\beta}}\right) \right], \quad \beta = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N \quad (1.36)$$

where

$$B_{\alpha}(\xi) = \xi \beta_{\alpha-1}(\xi) - \frac{1}{\alpha+1}, \quad \alpha \geq 1 \quad (1.36a)$$

with

$$B_0(\xi) = \frac{2}{c} - 1 - \xi \log(1 + \frac{1}{\xi}) = \nu_0 \log \frac{\nu_0}{\nu_0 - 1} - 1 \quad (1.36b)$$

Then  $\xi_0 = \nu_0$ ,  $\xi_1 = 0$ ,  $\xi_2 = 1$ , and the remaining  $\xi_{\beta}$  are spaced equally in the interval  $[0, 1]$  and is one possible set of collocation points that has been used in the literature [6].

The leakage given by

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \int_{-1}^1 \mu \Psi(0, \mu) d\mu \\ &= \int_{-1}^0 \mu \Psi(0, \mu) d\mu + \int_0^1 \mu \Psi(0, \mu) d\mu \\ &= \int_0^1 \mu \Psi(0, -\mu) d\mu \end{aligned} \quad (1.37)$$

is calculated for the cases  $\alpha = 0$  and  $a = 1$  and compared with the exact values. This method, although particularly concise, yields excellent numerical results for the problems considered.

In the present thesis, we utilise the concept of a rational function approximation introduced by Sengupta [3], [4] for the singular eigen-distribution to reduce the transient integrals of Eq. (1.2b) to a sum. The Legendre or Chebyshev polynomials are usually used as the complete

set and their zeros as collocation points for obtaining the approximate solutions of Neutron Transport equation. Since the actual set consists of the case eigen-functions w.r.t. the weight function  $W(\mu)$  it is not the best possible to use the classical orthogonal polynomials in transport theory. Therefore it becomes necessary to orthogonalise the fundamental set  $\{\mu^i\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$  w.r.t.  $W(\mu)$  and use this as a proper substitute for the case eigen-functions  $\varphi_{0\pm}(\mu)$  and  $\varphi_{\nu}(\mu)$  [5].

In our present work, a weight function  $\bar{W}(\mu)$  is used in the calculations instead of  $W(\mu)$  given by Eq. (1.8) to obtain the coefficients occurring in the solution of the transport equation and this has been properly justified in the next chapter. A new set of orthogonal polynomials  $C_1(\mu)$  w.r.t. the weight function  $\bar{W}(\mu)$  has been constructed Ref.[5] and the values of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are taken as the zeros of these polynomials depending on the number of transient terms considered. Then the coefficients are obtained for the problems given below

- (i) standard Milne problem
- (ii) constant-source Milne problem
- (iii) half-space Albedo problem

and then the emergent angular distribution and leakage are calculated and compared with the exact values. This method

## CHAPTER 2

### METHOD FORMULATION

#### 1. TRANSPORT THEORETIC APPROXIMATION [3], [4], [5], [8]

The solution of the one-speed equation [3] is given by Eqs. (1.2a) and (1.2b) and the Case eigen-functions are given by Eqs. (1.3) and (1.4). The constants  $a_{0\pm}$  and  $A(\nu)$  occurring in the solution are determined by using the orthogonality integrals [1] given by Eqs. (1.6) and (1.7) for the full-and half-range problems. Here X-function is given by Eq. (1.9) and W-function by Eq. (1.8).

In this approximation, it is reasoned as follows [3]

(i) The discretization of  $\nu \in (-1,1)$  or  $(0,1)$  must be done such that these roots,  $\nu_j, j=1,2,\dots$  are consistent with the particular choice of  $\nu_0$ . The  $P_N$  approximation has this desirable property, as all its  $(N+1)$   $\nu_j$  are solutions of a polynomial equation of degree  $N+1$ , Eq. (1.25). In contrast, by requiring the asymptotic  $\nu_0$  to satisfy Eq. (1.5) and the transient  $\nu_j$  the equation (1.25), the  $TP_N$  procedure [2] violates this property.

(ii) The natural basis functions for the solution of the transport equation are the case eigen-functions  $\varphi_{0+}(\mu)$ ,  $\varphi_{0-}(\mu)$ ,  $\varphi_\nu(\mu)$ . Any other basis such as the  $\{P_n(\mu)\}_{n=0}^N$



(as in the  $P_N$  case), or a combination  $\{\varphi_{o+}(\mu), \varphi_{o-}(\mu), \{P_n(\mu)\}\}$  (as in the  $TP_N$  case), is likely to be unsatisfactory.

(iii) By the very nature of the eigen-functions, a rational function approximation is expected to be superior to a standard polynomial approximation.

In the case of a half-range problem, a <sup>simple</sup> single but remarkably accurate expression for  $w(\mu)$ , [3]

$$\bar{w}(\mu) = \frac{c}{2Q(1-c)} \frac{\mu \nu_o \sqrt{1-c} + \mu^2}{\nu_o + \mu} \quad (2.1)$$

where  $Q$  is taken to be a constant has been constructed [3] for use in the orthogonality integrals (1.7). The value of  $Q$  is obtained by evaluating the orthogonality integral (1.7c). Also with this constant  $Q$ , a first iterant of  $Q(-\mu)$  from Eq. (1.10) and using this,  $X(-\mu)$  from Eq. (1.9) are obtained [3].

Now, the solution of the transport equation (1.1) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(x, \mu) = & a_{o+} \exp(-x/\nu_o) \varphi_{o+}(\mu) + a_{o-} \exp(x/\nu_o) \varphi_{o-}(\mu) \\ & + \sum_j A(\nu_j) \exp(-x/\nu_j) \varphi_\varepsilon(\nu_j, \mu) \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\varphi_\varepsilon(\nu, \mu)$  is the proper rational function approximation to  $\varphi(\nu, \mu)$ ,  $\nu \in (-1, 1)$  and is given by [4]

$$\varphi_{\varepsilon}(\nu, \mu) = \frac{c\nu}{2} \frac{(\nu - \mu)}{(\nu - \mu)^2 + \varepsilon^2} + \frac{\lambda_{\varepsilon}(\nu)}{\pi \varepsilon} \frac{\varepsilon}{[(\nu - \mu)^2 + \varepsilon^2]},$$

$$\nu \in (-1, 1) \quad (2.3)$$

The constants in Eq. (2.2) can be determined using the boundary conditions and orthogonality relations satisfied by the set  $\{\varphi_{0\pm}(\mu), \varphi_{\varepsilon}(\nu, \mu)\}$ . The function  $\varphi_{\varepsilon}(\nu, \mu)$ , as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , tends to the sum of the two distributions that comprise  $\varphi(\nu, \mu)$ . One is the Principal value distribution and the other is the delta distribution.

Using the normalisation of  $\varphi_{\varepsilon}$ , we get  $\lambda_{\varepsilon}(\nu)$  from Eq. (2.3),

$$\lambda_{\varepsilon}(\nu) = \frac{\pi \varepsilon}{\tan^{-1} \frac{1+\nu}{\varepsilon} + \tan^{-1} \frac{1-\nu}{\varepsilon}} \left[ 1 - \frac{c\nu}{4} \ln \frac{(1+\nu)^2 + \varepsilon^2}{(1-\nu)^2 + \varepsilon^2} \right] \quad (2.4)$$

where

$$\pi \varepsilon = 2 \tan^{-1} 1/\varepsilon \quad (2.5)$$

and  $\lambda_{\varepsilon}(\nu) \rightarrow \lambda(\nu)$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

The convergence of the two distributions that comprise  $(\nu, \mu)$  has been verified [8] by finding the solution of Love's Integral equation

$$U_{\varepsilon}(s) = 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{U_{\varepsilon}(t)}{(s-t)^2 + \varepsilon^2} dt \quad (2.6)$$

and the Cauchy Principal integral

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\phi(t)}{t-x} dt = P_0, \quad (2.7)$$

where  $P_0$  is a constant.

In our present work, the solution of the one-speed equation (1.1) is taken in the form given by Eq. (2.2). Then the given boundary condition is made use of and the coefficients  $a_{0+}$ ,  $a_{0-}$  and  $\{A(\nu_j)\}$ ; are determined by considering the  $\mu_j$ 's as the roots of  $C_{N+1}(\mu_j) = 0$  and  $\nu_j$ 's as the roots of  $C_N(\nu_j) = 0$  where  $C_N(\mu)$  are the orthogonal polynomials constructed in [5] and details of which are given in next section. The value of  $\epsilon$  is determined from the relation given by Eq.

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{2N \tan^{-1} 1/\epsilon} \quad (2.7a)$$

depending on the number of transient terms used. Once the coefficients are determined then the emergent angular distribution and Leakage can be calculated for various problems considered.

## 2. JUSTIFICATION OF WEIGHT FUNCTION

A weight function  $\bar{W}(\mu)$  given by Eq. (2.1) has been constructed in [3]. Considering the simplicity of  $\bar{W}(\mu)$  as compared to the exact  $W(\mu)$  given by Eq. (1.8), the accuracy of the former is remarkable. With this  $\bar{W}(\mu)$ , the orthogonality integral (1.7c) are evaluated to give

$$\frac{c}{2Q(1-c)} \left(\frac{1}{2} c\nu_0\right)^2 (\alpha c_1 + c_2) = -\left(\frac{1}{2} c\nu_0\right)^2 X(\nu_0) \quad (2.8)$$

and

$$\frac{c}{2Q(1-c)} \left(\frac{1}{2} c\nu_0\right)^2 (\alpha D_1 + D_2) = \left(\frac{1}{2} c\nu_0\right)^2 X(-\nu_0) \quad (2.9)$$

where,

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{2\nu_0(\nu_0-1)} - \frac{1}{2c\nu_0^2};$$

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{2(\nu_0-1)} + \frac{1}{2c\nu_0} - \ln \frac{\nu_0}{\nu_0-1}$$

$$D_1 = \frac{1}{2c\nu_0^\alpha} - \frac{1}{2\nu_0(\nu_0+1)};$$

$$D_2 = \frac{1}{2(\nu_0+1)} - \frac{3}{2c\nu_0} + \ln \frac{\nu_0}{\nu_0-1}$$

The two equations (2.8) and (2.9) are solved to get  $Q_+$  and  $Q_-$ . If  $Q$  is very nearly constant, which is assumed to be the case in Eq. (2.1), then the solution of the above two equations for  $Q$ , i.e.  $Q_+$  and  $Q_-$ , will be nearly the same. To take care of the weak dependence of  $Q$  on  $\mu$  to a satisfactory degree, we use the average of  $Q_+$  and  $Q_-$  i.e. let

$$Q = \frac{1}{2} (Q_+ + Q_-) \quad (2.10)$$

As an independent check on the utility of this  $\bar{W}(\mu)$  in evaluating integrals of the type (1.7), the integral below was evaluated [3] as shown in Eq. (2.11),

$$\int_0^1 \bar{W}(\mu) \varphi_{0+}(\mu) d\mu = (c^2 \nu_0) [4Q(1-c)]^{-1} (\alpha F_1 + F_\alpha) \quad (2.11)$$

where

$$F_n = \int_0^1 \frac{\mu^n}{\nu_0^2 - \mu^2} d\mu$$

$$= - \left( \frac{1}{n-1} + \frac{\nu_0^2}{n-3} + \frac{\nu_0^4}{n-5} + \dots \right) + \begin{cases} \nu_0^{n-2}/c & n \text{ even} \\ \nu_0 \ln[\nu_0/(\nu_0^2-1)^{1/2}] & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

and compared it with the exact value  $\frac{1}{2} c \nu_0$ . The ratio of the approximate to exact integrals for different  $c$  are 0.999594, 0.999530, 0.999693 and 0.999832 for  $c = 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8$  and 0.9 respectively.

As a further check, we have evaluated the integral  $I$  given by

$$I = \int_0^1 \bar{W}(\mu) \varphi_{0+}(\mu) \varphi(\nu, \mu) d\mu \quad (2.11a)$$

and compared it with its exact value (for the real  $W(\mu)$ ) of zero

$$I = \frac{c^3 \nu \nu_0}{8Q(1-c)} I_1 + \frac{c^2 \nu_0}{4Q(1-c)} \frac{[\nu \nu_0 \sqrt{1-c} + \nu^2]}{(\nu_0^2 - \nu^2)} \lambda(\nu) \quad (2.11b)$$

where

$$I_1 = \frac{A'}{2} \ln \frac{\nu_0^2}{\nu_0^2-1} + B' \frac{1}{2\nu_0} \ln \frac{\nu_0+1}{\nu_0-1} + c' \ln \frac{\nu}{1-\nu} \quad (2.11c)$$

$$A' = - \frac{\nu_0 [\nu \sqrt{1-c} + \nu_0]}{(\nu_0^2 - \nu^2)}$$

$$B' = - \frac{\nu_0^2 [\nu + \nu_0 \sqrt{1-c}]}{(\nu_0^2 - \nu^2)}$$

$$C' = \frac{\nu [\nu + \nu_0 \sqrt{1-c}]}{(\nu_0^2 - \nu^2)}$$

The value of  $I$  has been obtained for different values of  $C$  and  $\nu$  and the outputs are attached in APPENDIX-A.

Considering the accuracy of these two examples, we can say that the simple analytic approximation (2.1) to the transcendental weight function  $W(\mu)$ , Eqs. (1.8)-(1.10), can be used with confidence.

A first iterant of  $X(\mu)$  can be obtained from Eq. (1.9) with  $Q(\mu)$  replaced by the constant  $Q$ , i.e.,

$$X_0(\mu) = \frac{1}{\alpha + \mu} \mu \quad (2.12)$$

A first iterant of  $Q(\mu)$  is obtained from Eq. (1.10) as

$$Q_1(\mu) = \left[ 1 - \frac{c}{2} \frac{\mu}{Q} W \right] \quad (2.13)$$

where

$$W = \alpha_1 \ln \frac{1+\nu_0}{\nu_0} + \alpha_2 \ln \frac{\nu_0-1}{\nu_0} + \alpha_3 \ln \frac{1+\mu}{\mu}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{c}{2\nu_0(\nu_0 + \mu)(1-c)}$$

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{c}{2\nu_0(\nu_0 + \mu)(1-c)}$$

$$\alpha_3 = x^2(0) - \frac{c}{(1-c)(\nu_0^2 + \mu^2)}$$

with this  $Q_1(-\mu)$ , a second iterant of  $X(-\mu)$  is obtained as

$$X_1(-\mu) = \frac{1}{(\alpha + \mu)} Q(-\mu) \quad (2.14)$$

The values of  $X_0(-\mu)$  given by Eq. (2.12),  $X_1(-\mu)$  given by Eq. (2.15) and the ERROR given by

$$\text{ERROR} = \frac{(\text{EXACT VALUE} - \text{CALCULATED VALUE})}{\text{EXACT VALUE}} \times 100 \quad (2.15)$$

are calculated for various values of  $\mu$  and the outputs are attached in APPENDIX B. We observe from the results that the error are very less and the above, therefore, constitutes an extremely reliable approximation to Case's W and X functions.

### 3. ORTHOGONAL POLYNOMIALS [5]

$\{1, \mu, \mu^2\}$  is orthogonalised w.r.t.  $\bar{W}(\mu)$  given by Eq. (2.4),  $0 \leq \mu \leq 1$ , using the prescription given by Golub and Welseh, [9]. Let

$$M_{ij} = \int_0^1 \bar{W}(\mu) \mu^{i+j-2} d\mu, \quad i, j=1, 2, \dots, N+1 \quad (2.16)$$

and

$$v_{ij} = \frac{1}{v_{ii}} (M_{ij} - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} v_{ki} v_{kj}), \quad i < j \quad (2.17)$$

where

$$v_{ii} = (M_{ii} - \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} v_{ki}^2)^{1/2} \quad (2.18)$$

Now construct

$$\alpha_i = \frac{v_{i,i+1}}{v_{i,i}} - \frac{v_{i-1,i}}{v_{i-1,i-1}}; \quad \beta_i = \frac{v_{i+1,i+1}}{v_{i,i}}, \quad i=1,2,\dots,N \quad (2.19)$$

where  $v_{0,0} = 1, v_{0,1} = 0$ .

Then with  $C_0 = 1, C_{-1} = 0$ , the set  $\{C_i(\mu)\}_{i=0}^N$  obtained from the recurrence relation

$$\beta_i C_i(\mu) = (\mu - \alpha_i) C_{i-1}(\mu) - \beta_{i-1} C_{i-2}(\mu), \quad i=1,2,\dots,N \quad (2.20)$$

form a complete orthonormal system in  $(0,1)$  w.r.t.,  $\bar{W}(\mu)$ .

For our present problem,

$$M_{ij} = \frac{c}{2Q(1-c)} \int_0^1 \frac{\mu^{\alpha+\mu}}{v_{0+\mu}} \mu^{i+j-1} d\mu \quad (2.21)$$

which is expressed in terms of

$$I_n = \int_0^1 \frac{\mu^n}{v_{0+\mu}} d\mu = \frac{1}{n} [1 - v_{0+n} I_{n-1}] \quad (2.22)$$

where

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$$I_0 = \ln \frac{\nu_0 + 1}{\nu_0}, \quad (2.23)$$

as

$$M_{ij} = \frac{c}{2Q(1-c)} (\alpha_i I_{i+j-1} + I_{i-j}) \quad (2.24)$$

The value of  $M_{ij}$  can be evaluated recursively, and hence  $\nu_{ij}$ ,  $\alpha_i$ ,  $\beta_i$  and finally  $\{C_i(\mu)\}_0^N$  is obtained from Eq. (2.20). The orthogonal polynomials  $C_i(\mu)$   $i=0,1,\dots,5$  has been developed and presented below.

By Eqs. (2.18), (2.19), (2.20) and (2.21), we have

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{r_{1,2}}{r_{1,1}}; \quad \beta_1 = \frac{r_{2,2}}{r_{1,1}}$$

$$r_{1,1} = (M_{11})^{1/2} = \delta_0^{1/2}$$

where

$$\delta_n = R I_{n+1} + S I_{n+2}$$

$$R = \frac{c\nu_0 \sqrt{1-c}}{2Q(1-c)}; \quad S = \frac{c}{2Q(1-c)}$$

and  $I_n$ 's are given by Eq. (2.23) and (2.24).

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{M_{12}}{r_{1,1}} = \frac{\delta_1}{\delta_0^{1/2}}$$

$$r_{2,2} = (M_{22} - r_{1,2}^2)^{1/2}$$

$$= (\delta_2 - \frac{\delta_1^2}{\delta_0})^{1/2}$$

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{\delta_1}{\delta_0} ; \beta_1 = \frac{1}{\delta_0} (\delta_0 \delta_2 - \delta_1^2)^{1/2}$$

$$c_1(\mu) = (\mu - \alpha_1) / \beta_1$$

Also

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{r_{2,3}}{r_{2,2}} - \frac{r_{1,2}}{r_{1,1}}$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{r_{3,3}}{r_{2,2}}$$

$$r_{2,3} = (M_{23} - r_{1,2} r_{1,3}) / r_{2,2}$$

$$= (\delta_3 - r_{1,2} r_{1,3}) / r_{2,2}$$

$$r_{3,3} = (M_{33} - r_{1,3}^2 - r_{2,3}^2)^{1/2}$$

$$= (\delta_4 - r_{1,3}^2 - r_{2,3}^2)^{1/2}$$

$$c_2(\mu) = [(\mu - \alpha_2) c_1(\mu) - \beta_1] / \beta_2$$

$$= [(\mu - \alpha_2)(\mu - \alpha_1) - \beta_1^2] / \beta_1 \beta_2$$

Similarly, we have

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{r_{3,4}}{r_{3,3}} - \frac{r_{2,3}}{r_{2,2}}$$

$$\beta_3 = \frac{r_{4,4}}{r_{3,3}}$$

$$r_{3,4} = (M_{34} - r_{1,3} r_{1,4} - r_{2,3} r_{2,4})/r_{3,3}$$

$$r_{1,4} = M_{14}/r_{1,1} = \delta_3/\delta_0^{1/2}$$

$$r_{2,4} = (M_{24} - r_{1,2} r_{1,4})^{1/2}$$

$$= (\delta_4 - r_{1,2} r_{1,4})^{1/2}$$

$$r_{4,4} = (M_{44} - r_{1,4}^2 - r_{2,4}^2 - r_{3,4}^2)^{1/2}$$

$$= (\delta_6 - r_{1,4}^2 - r_{2,4}^2 - r_{3,4}^2)^{1/2}$$

$$c_3(\mu) = [(\mu - \alpha_3) c_2(\mu) - \beta_2 c_1(\mu)]/\beta_3.$$

$$\alpha_4 = \frac{r_{4,5}}{r_{4,4}} - \frac{r_{3,4}}{r_{3,3}}$$

$$\beta_4 = \frac{r_{5,5}}{r_{4,4}}$$

$$r_{1,5} = M_{15}/r_{1,1} = \delta_4/\delta_0^{1/2}$$

$$r_{2,5} = (M_{25} - r_{1,2} r_{1,5})/r_{2,2}$$

$$= (\delta_6 - r_{1,2} r_{1,5})/r_{2,2}$$

$$r_{3,5} = (M_{35} - r_{1,3} r_{1,5} - r_{2,3} r_{2,5})/r_{3,3}$$

$$= (\delta_6 - r_{1,3} r_{1,5} - r_{2,3} r_{2,5})/r_{3,3}$$

$$r_{4,5} = (M_{45} - r_{1,4} r_{1,5} - r_{2,4} r_{2,5} - r_{3,4} r_{3,5}) / r_{4,4}$$

where

$$M_{45} = \delta_7$$

$$r_{5,5} = (M_{55} - r_{1,5}^2 - r_{2,5}^2 - r_{3,5}^2 - r_{4,5}^2)^{1/2}$$

$$M_{55} = \delta_8$$

This gives

$$C_4(\mu) = [(\mu - \alpha_4) C_3(\mu) - \beta_3 C_2(\mu)] / \beta_4.$$

Finally

$$\alpha_5 = \frac{r_{5,6}}{r_{5,5}} - \frac{r_{4,5}}{r_{4,4}}; \beta_5 = \frac{r_{6,6}}{r_{5,5}}$$

$$r_{1,6} = M_{16} / r_{1,1} = \delta_5 / \delta_0^{1/2}$$

$$r_{2,6} = (M_{26} - r_{1,2} r_{1,6}) / r_{2,2}$$

$$M_{26} = \delta_6$$

$$r_{3,6} = (M_{36} - r_{1,3} r_{1,6} - r_{2,3} r_{2,6}) / r_{3,3}$$

$$M_{36} = \delta_7$$

$$r_{4,6} = (M_{46} - r_{1,4} r_{1,6} - r_{2,4} r_{2,6} - r_{3,4} r_{3,6}) / r_{4,4}$$

$$M_{46} = \delta_8$$

$$r_{5,6} = (M_{56} - r_{1,5} r_{1,6} - r_{2,5} r_{2,6} - r_{3,5} r_{3,6} - r_{4,5} r_{4,6}) / r_{5,5}$$

$$M_{56} = \delta_9$$

$$r_{6,6} = (M_{66} - r_{1,6}^2 - r_{2,6}^2 - r_{3,6}^2 - r_{4,6}^2 - r_{5,6}^2)^{1/2},$$

$$M_{66} = \delta_{10}$$

$$C_5(\mu) = [(\mu - \alpha_5) C_5(\mu) - \beta_4 C_3(\mu)] / \beta_5.$$

Note that

$$C_0(\mu) = 1.$$

The roots of  $C_1(\mu) = 0$  for  $N=1$  to 5 have also been obtained by bisection method and the program and the outputs are attached in APPENDIX-C.

#### 4. APPLICATIONS

The method discussed in section 1 of this chapter has been applied to the following problems

- (i) Standard source-free Milne Problem [1]
- (ii) Constant-source Milne Problem [1]
- (iii) Half-space Albedo Problem [1]

and they are discussed below.

##### (i) Standard source-free Milne Problem

The solution of the standard source-free Milne Problem is given by

$$\Psi(x, \mu) = a_{o+} \exp(-x/\mu_o) \varphi_{o+}(\mu) + \exp(x/\nu_o) \varphi_{o-}(\mu) + \sum_{j=1}^N A(\nu_j) \exp(-x/\nu_j) \varphi_{\varepsilon}(\nu_j, \mu) \quad (2.25)$$

with boundary condition at  $x = 0$ ,

$$\Psi(0, \mu) = 0, \quad \mu > 0 \quad (2.26)$$

Note that in Eq. (2.25), the value of  $a_{o-}$  is taken to be unity and  $\varphi_{\varepsilon}(\nu, \mu)$  is given by Eq. (2.3).

Then applying Eq. (2.26) to Eq. (2.25), we get

$$a_{o+} \varphi_{o+}(\mu) + \varphi_{o-}(\mu) + \sum_j A(\nu_j) \varphi_{\varepsilon}(\nu_j, \mu) = 0. \quad (2.27)$$

The coefficients  $a_{o+}$  and  $\{A(\nu_j)\}_{j=1}^N$  can be obtained by taking  $\mu$ 's as the roots of  $C_{N+1}(\mu = 0)$ ,  $\nu$ 's as the roots of  $C_N(\nu) = 0$  and the value of  $\varepsilon$  from Eq. (2.7a) for  $N$  equal to the number of transient terms considered.

The emergent angular distribution  $\Psi(0, \mu)$  is given by

$$\Psi(0, \mu) = a_{o+} \varphi_{o+}(\mu) + \varphi_{o-}(\mu) + \sum_j A(\nu_j) \varphi_{\nu_j}(\mu), \quad \mu > 0, \nu > 0 \quad (2.28)$$

Note that for  $\mu < 0$ ,  $\varphi_{\varepsilon}(\nu_j, \mu) \rightarrow \varphi_{\nu_j}(\mu)$  as there is no chance of the denominator of

$$\varphi_{\nu}(-\mu) = \frac{C\nu}{2(\nu+\mu)}$$

becoming zero. Hence the case of Principal value and Delta distribution doesn't arise.

The leakage  $J$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &= \int_{-1}^0 \mu \Psi(0, \mu) d\mu \\
 &= a_{0+} \int_{-1}^0 \mu \varphi_{0+}(\mu) d\mu + \int_{-1}^0 \mu \varphi_{0-}(\mu) d\mu + \sum_j A(\nu_j) \int_{-1}^0 \mu \varphi_{\varepsilon}(\nu_j, \mu) d\mu \\
 &= -a_{0+} \left( \frac{c\nu_0}{2} \right) \left[ 1 - \nu_0 \ln \frac{\nu_0 + 1}{\nu_0} \right] + \left( \frac{c\nu_0}{2} \right) \left[ 1 - \nu_0 \ln \frac{\nu_0}{\nu_0 - 1} \right] \\
 &\quad - \sum_j A(\nu_j) \frac{c\nu_j}{2} \left[ 1 - \nu_j \ln \frac{\nu_j + 1}{\nu_j} \right] \quad (2.29)
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that in the last integral of the expression  $J$ ,

$$\varphi_{\varepsilon}(\nu_j, \mu) \rightarrow \varphi_{\nu_j}(\mu) \quad \text{as } \mu < 0.$$

(ii) Constant-source Milne problem

a) The solution of Eq. (1.29) with  $a=1$  and boundary condition given by Eq. (1.30) and (1.31) is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Psi(x, \mu) &= a_{0+} \varphi_{0+}(\mu) \exp(-x/\nu_0) + \sum_j A(\nu_j) \varphi_{\varepsilon}(\nu_j, \mu) \exp(-x/\nu_j) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{1-c} \quad (2.30)
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the boundary conditions, the coefficients are obtained from the equation

$$a_{0+} \varphi_{0+}(\mu) + \sum_j A(\nu_j) \varphi_{\varepsilon}(\nu_j, \mu) + \frac{1}{1-c} = 0 \quad (2.31)$$

as in the standard source-free Milne problem. After

determining the coefficients  $a_{0+}$  and  $\{A(\nu_j)\}$ , the leakage is calculated by

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &= \int_{-1}^0 \mu \Psi(0, \mu) d\mu \\
 &= a_{0+} \int_{-1}^0 \mu \varphi_{0+}(\mu) d\mu + \sum_j A(\nu_j) \int_{-1}^0 \mu \varphi_{\varepsilon}(\nu_j, \mu) d\mu + \frac{1}{1-c} \int_{-1}^0 \mu d\mu \\
 &= a_{0+} \int_{-1}^0 \mu \varphi_{0+}(\mu) d\mu + \sum_j A(\nu_j) \int_{-1}^0 \mu \varphi_{\nu_j}(\mu) d\mu + \frac{1}{1-c} \int_{-1}^0 \mu d\mu \\
 &= -a_{0+} \frac{c\nu_0}{2} \left[ 1 - \nu_0 \ln \frac{\nu_0 + 1}{\nu_0} \right] - \sum_j A(\nu_j) \frac{c\nu_j}{2} \left[ 1 - \nu_j \ln \frac{\nu_j + 1}{\nu_j} \right] - \frac{1}{2(1-c)}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.32}$$

b) The solution of Eq. (1.29) with  $a=0$  and boundary condition given by Eq. (1.30) and (1.31) is

$$\Psi(x, \mu) = a_{0+} \varphi_{0+}(\mu) \exp(-x/\nu_0) + \sum_j A(\nu_j) \varphi_{\varepsilon}(\nu_j, \mu) \exp(-x/\nu_j)
 \tag{2.33}$$

using the boundary condition, the coefficients are determined from

$$a_{0+} \varphi_{0+}(\mu) + \sum_j A(\nu_j) \varphi_{\varepsilon}(\nu_j, \mu) = 0
 \tag{2.34}$$

as before. Then the leakage is obtained from

$$\begin{aligned}
 J &= \int_{-1}^0 \mu \Psi(0, \mu) d\mu \\
 &= a_{0+} \int_{-1}^0 \mu \varphi_{0+}(\mu) d\mu + \sum_j A(\nu_j) \int_{-1}^0 \mu \varphi_{\varepsilon}(\nu_j, \mu) d\mu
 \end{aligned}$$



## 5. RESULTS AND CONCLUSION

The values of  $\nu_0, Q$  and  $Z_0$  for various values of  $C$  ranging from 0.1(0.1) 0.9 are presented in Table 1. The value of  $Q$  is calculated from the Eq. (2.10).

The emergent angular distribution and the leakage for the standard source-free Milne problem are calculated using Eq. (2.28) and (2.29) and the percentage errors using Eq. (2.15) and are presented in Tables 2 and 3. The exact values are taken from [2].

The leakage for the constant source Milne problem with  $a=0$  is calculated using Eq. (2.35) and the results with the percentage errors are presented in Table 4. The exact values are taken from [7].

The leakage for the constant-source Milne problem with  $a=1$  is calculated using Eq. (2.32) and the results with the percentage errors are presented in Table 5. The exact values are taken from [7].

In all these cases, it has been observed that the calculated values of the emergent angular distribution and the leakage are very reliable. The calculated values converges to the exact values as the number of transients terms is increased. Thus the use of  $\mu$ 's and  $\nu$ 's as the zeros of the orthogonal polynomials given by Eq. (2.20) and  $\varepsilon$  from the Eq. (2.7a) is justified.

Further the results will improve if the orthogonality integrals (1.7) w.r.t.  $\mu$  are used in obtaining the coefficients  $a_{0\pm}$  and  $\{A(\nu_j)\}$  and  $\nu$ 's as the zeros of the orthogonal polynomials given by Eq. (2.20) and  $\varepsilon$  from the Eq. (2.7a).

Table 2.1  
Values of  $\nu_0$ ,  $Q$  and  $Z_0$  for different  $c$ 's

$c$	$Q$	$\nu_0$	$Z_0$
0.1	0.990542	1.0	8.539
0.2	0.981642	1.000091	3.9255
0.3	0.973524	1.002593	2.497
0.4	0.966199	1.014586	1.8263
0.5	0.959548	1.044382	1.4414
0.6	0.953451	1.102132	1.1925
0.7	0.947812	1.206804	1.0181
0.8	0.942561	1.407634	0.88913
0.9	0.937643	1.903205	0.7896

Table 2.2

## Emergent Angular Distribution of Standard Milne Problem

$\epsilon$	$\mu = -1$		$\mu = -0.8$		$\mu = -0.6$		$\mu = -0.4$		$\mu = -0.2$		$\mu = 0.0$		
	$\Psi$	PER	$\Psi$	PER	$\Psi$	PER	$\Psi$	PER	$\Psi$	PER	$\Psi$	PER	
0.2	0.4289	1100.3	0.486	0.4983	0.521	0.2481	0.763	0.1643	1.08	0.1218	1.48	0.095	3.18
	0.1794	1100.3	0.486	0.4968	0.226	0.2464	0.093	0.1623	-0.11	0.1194	-0.52	0.092	-0.59
0.6	0.4289	3.2039	-0.08	1.0564	-0.37	0.6145	-0.82	0.4189	-1.58	0.3026	-2.79	0.217	-2.38
	0.1794	3.2045	-0.06	1.057	-0.30	0.6154	-0.69	0.4198	-1.36	0.303	-2.62	0.2147	-3.49
0.9	0.4289	0.8262	2.25	0.642	2.75	0.5075	3.09	0.4002	3.15	0.3063	2.41	0.2138	3.14
	0.1794	0.8109	0.36	0.6269	0.34	0.4929	0.16	0.3867	-0.32	0.2944	-1.56	0.2025	-2.33

Table 2.3  
**Leakage of the standard Milne problems**

C	$\epsilon$	LEAKAGE	EXACT	PER
0.2	0.4289	-0.8326	-0.8266	-0.721
	0.1794	-0.8293	-0.8266	-0.326
0.3	0.4289	-0.7499	-0.7427	-0.969
	0.1794	-0.7444	-0.7427	-0.234
0.4	0.4289	-0.6724	-0.6627	-1.457
	0.1794	-0.6641	-0.6627	-0.217
0.5	0.4289	-0.6016	-0.5881	-2.289
	0.1794	-0.5897	-0.5881	-0.272
0.6	0.4289	-0.5363	-0.5170	-3.727
	0.1794	-0.5194	-0.5170	-0.46
0.7	0.4289	-0.4733	-0.4466	-5.969
	0.1794	-0.4495	-0.4466	-0.643
0.8	0.4289	-0.4046	-0.3713	-9.456
	0.1794	-0.3741	-0.3713	-0.753
0.9	0.4289	-0.3199	-0.2772	-15.39
	0.1794	-0.2799	-0.2772	-0.957

Table 2.4

Leakage of the constant-source Milne problem with  $a=0$ 

C	$\epsilon$	$2 * J$	EXACT	PER
0.1	0.4289	-0.0079	-0.0217	63.26
	0.1794	-0.0056	-0.0217	73.93
0.2	0.4289	-0.0539	-0.0463	-16.47
	0.1794	-0.0487	-0.0463	- 6.295
0.3	0.4289	-0.096	-0.0745	-29.27
	0.1794	-0.089	-0.0745	-20.61
0.4	0.4289	-0.1362	-0.1073	-26.95
	0.1794	-0.1288	-0.1073	-20.08
0.5	0.4289	-0.1760	-0.1465	-20.162
	0.1794	-0.1688	-0.1465	-15.213
0.6	0.4289	-0.2187	-0.1947	-12.31
	0.1794	-0.2136	-0.1947	- 9.699
0.7	0.4289	-0.2686	-0.2566	- 4.691
	0.1794	-0.2693	-0.2566	- 4.941
0.8	0.4289	-0.3357	-0.3419	- 1.819
	0.1794	-0.3471	-0.3419	- 1.513
0.9	0.4289	-0.44919	-0.4780	+ 6.025
	0.1794	-0.4758	-0.4780	+ 0.466

Table 2.5

Leakage of the constant-source Milne problem with  $\alpha=1$ 

	$\epsilon$	$2 * J$	EXACT	PER
0.1	0.4289	-1.1023	-1.087	-1.403
	0.1794	-1.1004	-1.087	-1.23
0.2	0.4289	-1.1827	-1.192	+0.784
	0.1794	-1.1891	-1.192	+0.242
0.3	0.4289	-1.2911	-1.322	+2.339
	0.1794	-1.3004	-1.322	+1.634
0.4	0.4289	-1.4396	-1.4880	3.252
	0.1794	-1.4519	-1.4880	2.424
0.5	0.4289	-1.6479	-1.7070	3.465
	0.1794	-1.6624	-1.7070	2.611
0.6	0.4289	-1.9533	-2.013	2.964
	0.1794	-1.966	-2.013	2.333
0.7	0.4289	-2.438	-2.478	1.619
	0.1794	-2.436	-2.478	1.706
0.8	0.4289	-3.321	-3.291	-0.930
	0.1794	-3.2646	-3.291	0.801
0.9	0.4289	-5.508	-5.220	-5.518
	0.1794	-5.242	-5.220	-0.427

# APPENDIX-A

Value of the Orthogonal Integral

$$\int_0^1 W(u) \phi_{n+}(u) \phi_{n-}(u) du$$



NEW=.10	C=.10	VAL= 0.64571596E-06
NEW=.20	VAL= 0.72916532E-07	
NEW=.30	VAL=-0.83637990E-06	
NEW=.40	VAL=-0.18397796E-05	
NEW=.50	VAL=-0.28434109E-05	
NEW=.60	VAL=-0.38081095E-05	
NEW=.70	VAL=-0.47182100E-05	
NEW=.80	VAL=-0.55689063E-05	
NEW=.90	VAL=-0.63605470E-05	
NEW=.10	C=.20	VAL= 0.53538503E-05
NEW=.20	VAL= 0.70729400E-06	
NEW=.30	VAL=-0.66299639E-05	
NEW=.40	VAL=-0.14690149E-04	
NEW=.50	VAL=-0.22723483E-04	
NEW=.60	VAL=-0.30422900E-04	
NEW=.70	VAL=-0.37669183E-04	
NEW=.80	VAL=-0.44428799E-04	
NEW=.90	VAL=-0.50708265E-04	
NEW=.10	C=.30	VAL= 0.18424406E-04
NEW=.20	VAL= 0.23289832E-05	
NEW=.30	VAL=-0.22723552E-04	
NEW=.40	VAL=-0.50032888E-04	
NEW=.50	VAL=-0.77102131E-04	
NEW=.60	VAL=-0.10293597E-03	
NEW=.70	VAL=-0.12716571E-03	
NEW=.80	VAL=-0.14970335E-03	
NEW=.90	VAL=-0.17058911E-03	
NEW=.10	C=.40	VAL= 0.44213741E-04
NEW=.20	VAL= 0.44717487E-05	
NEW=.30	VAL=-0.56120507E-04	
NEW=.40	VAL=-0.12152418E-03	
NEW=.50	VAL=-0.18591906E-03	
NEW=.60	VAL=-0.24706273E-03	
NEW=.70	VAL=-0.30417667E-03	
NEW=.80	VAL=-0.35712363E-03	
NEW=.90	VAL=-0.40605068E-03	
NEW=.10	C=.50	VAL= 0.87958944E-04
NEW=.20	VAL= 0.57013290E-05	
NEW=.30	VAL=-0.11686856E-03	
NEW=.40	VAL=-0.24778797E-03	

NEW=.50	VAL=-0.37578498E-03
NEW=.60	VAL=-0.49668048E-03
NEW=.70	VAL=-0.60913697E-03
NEW=.80	VAL=-0.71303151E-03
NEW=.90	VAL=-0.80876152E-03

C=.60

VAL=0.15764551E-03
VAL=0.35996449E-05
VAL=-0.22074958E-03
VAL=-0.45791240E-03
VAL=-0.68819765E-03
VAL=-0.90460024E-03
VAL=-0.11050897E-02
VAL=-0.12897078E-02
VAL=-0.14593511E-02

NEW=.10	VAL=0.26827675E-03
NEW=.20	VAL=-0.59061941E-05
NEW=.30	VAL=-0.39660064E-03
NEW=.40	VAL=-0.80555772E-03
NEW=.50	VAL=-0.12000921E-02
NEW=.60	VAL=-0.15690713E-02
NEW=.70	VAL=-0.19096366E-02
NEW=.80	VAL=-0.22222855E-02
NEW=.90	VAL=-0.25088439E-02

C=.80

VAL=0.45594367E-03
VAL=-0.31147512E-04
VAL=-0.71118113E-03
VAL=-0.14164509E-02
VAL=-0.20927498E-02
VAL=-0.27224388E-02
VAL=-0.33016243E-02
VAL=-0.38318410E-02
VAL=-0.43166766E-02

NEW=.10	VAL=0.85529485E-03
NEW=.20	VAL=-0.98651250E-04
NEW=.30	VAL=-0.14053942E-02
NEW=.40	VAL=-0.27489950E-02
NEW=.50	VAL=-0.40301967E-02
NEW=.60	VAL=-0.52182089E-02
NEW=.70	VAL=-0.63074524E-02
NEW=.80	VAL=-0.73020332E-02
NEW=.90	VAL=-0.82095449E-02

## **APPENDIX B**

### **APPROXIMATE CALCULATED VALUES OF THE X-FUNCTIONS**

**APPENDIX C**

**COMPUTER PROGRAM AND ROOTS OF ORTHOGONAL  
POLYNOMIALS  $C_2(u)$**

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C This program finds the zeros of ORTHOGONAL POLYNOMIALS
C of degree N=1 to 5
IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION (A-H,J-Z)
DIMENSION P(100),R2(100,100),AM(100,100),AIV(0:100)
DIMENSION ALP(100),BETA(100)
DIMENSION C(12),ANU(12),ZZ(100),W12(12)
READ(21,*)N
WRITE(24,161)
161 FORMAT(/,32X,'SOLUTION OF ORTHOGONAL POLY EQS',/)
WRITE(24,181) N
181 FORMAT(33X,'DEGREE OF POLYNOMIAL=',I3,/)
READ(21,*)(C(I),I=1,10)
READ(21,*)(ANU(I),I=1,10)
READ(21,*)(W12(I),I=1,10)

DO 10 I=1,10
WRITE(24,171) C(I),ANU(I)
171 FORMAT(/,25X,'C=',F5.2,3X,'NEWJ=',D)
CS=C(I)/(2.D0*W12(I)*(1.D0-C(I)))
CR=CS*ANU(I)*DSQRT(1.D0-C(I))
DO 20 II=0,22
IF(II.EQ.0) GO TO 21
XX=FLOAT(II)
AIV(II)=(1.D0-XX*ANU(I)*AIV(II-1))/XX
GO TO 20
21 AIV(II)=DLOG((ANU(I)+1.D0)/ANU(I))
20 CONTINUE
DO 30 IR=1,11
DO 30 IC=1,11
30 AM(IR,IC)=CR*AIV(IR+IC-1)+CS*AIV(IR+IC)
R2(1,1)=DSQRT(AM(1,1))
DO 40 IC1=2,11
40 R2(1,IC1)=AM(1,IC1)/R2(1,1)
DO 50 IR=2,11
DO 50 IC=IR,11
IF(IR.EQ.IC) GO TO 51
SIGMA=0.0D0
DO 52 IS=1,IR-1
52 SIGMA=SIGMA+R2(IS,IR)*R2(IS,IC)
R2(IR,IC)=(AM(IR,IC)-SIGMA)/R2(IR,IR)
GO TO 50
51 SIGMA=0.0D0
DO 53 IS=1,IR-1
53 SIGMA=SIGMA+R2(IS,IR)**2
R2(IR,IR)=DSQRT(AM(IR,IR)-SIGMA)
50 CONTINUE
ALP(1)=R2(1,2)/R2(1,1)
BETA(1)=R2(2,2)/R2(1,1)
DO 60 J=2,N
ALP(J)=(R2(J,J+1)/R2(J,J))-(R2(J-1,J)/R2(J-1,J-1))
IF(J.EQ.N) GO TO 60
BETA(J)=R2(J+1,J+1)/R2(J,J)
60 CONTINUE
CALL ROOTS(N,ALP,BETA,ZZ)
10 CONTINUE
C STOP;END
C TO FIND ROOTS OF POLYNOMIALS BY HALF-INTERVAL METHOD

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SUBROUTINE ROOTS(N,ALP,BETA,ZZ)
IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION(A-H,O-Z)
DIMENSION P(0:100),ZZ(100)
DIMENSION ALP(100),BETA(100)
NP1=N
ITER=DLOG(0.05D0/1.0D-12)/DLOG(2.0D0)+1.0D0
TO ESTABLISH INTERVAL WITHIN WHICH ROOT LIES
ZR=0.0D0
DO 7 I=1,NP1
  ZL=ZR
  IF((POLY(ZL,ALP,BETA,N)*POLY(ZL+0.05D0,ALP,BETA,N)).LT.(
1    1GO TO 3
    ZL=ZL+0.05D0
    IF(ZL.GT.1.0D0) GO TO 44
    GO TO 1
    ZR=ZL+0.05D0
    FZL=POLY(ZL,ALP,BETA,N)
    BEGIN HALF-INTERVAL ITERATION
    DO 6 J=1,ITER
      ZHALF=(ZL+ZR)/2.0D0
      FZHALF=POLY(ZHALF,ALP,BETA,N)
      XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
3    CHOOSE THE SUB-INTERVAL CONTAINING THE ROOT...
      IF(FZHALF*FZL.LE.0.0D0) GO TO 5
      ZL=ZHALF
      FZL=FZHALF
      GO TO 6
      ZR=ZHALF
      CONTINUE
      ZZ(I)=(ZL+ZR)/2.0D0
      WRITE(24,191) ZZ(I)
      FORMAT(30X,'MEW=',D)
      FUNVAL=POLY(ZZ(I),ALP,BETA,N)
      IF(ZZ(I).GT.1.0D0) GO TO 44
      CONTINUE
      FRAUD=FRAUD
      RETURN
      END
      DOUBLE PRECISION FUNCTION POLY(X,ALP,BETA,N)
      IMPLICIT DOUBLE PRECISION(A-H,O-Z)
      DIMENSION P(0:100)
      DIMENSION ALP(100),BETA(100)
      P(0)=1.0D0
      P(1)=(X-ALP(1))/BETA(1)
      IF(N.EQ.1) GO TO 33
      DO 70 J=2,N
        P(J)=((X-ALP(J))*P(J-1)-BETA(J-1)*P(J-2))/BETA(J)
        CONTINUE
        VAL=P(N)
        POLY=VAL
        RETURN
        END

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SOLUTION OF ORTHOGONAL POLY EQS  
DEGREE OF POLYNOMIAL= 1

CH 0.10 NEWO= 0.1000000004100000000D+01.  
MEW= 0.667876997685016250D+00

CH 0.20 NEWO= 0.1000090886500000000D+01.  
MEW= 0.669245241277894821D+00

CH 0.30 NEWO= 0.1002592888000000000D+01.  
MEW= 0.670810504576729728D+00

CH 0.40 NEWO= 0.1014585816000000000D+01.  
MEW= 0.672619457995097037D+00

CH 0.50 NEWO= 0.1044382034000000000D+01.  
MEW= 0.674736589049643954D+00

CH 0.60 NEWO= 0.1102132022000000000D+01.  
MEW= 0.677267614627271542D+00

CH 0.70 NEWO= 0.1206804258000000000D+01.  
MEW= 0.680403117266178016D+00

CH 0.80 NEWO= 0.1407634301000000000D+01.  
MEW= 0.684536323020074634D+00

CH 0.90 NEWO= 0.1903204843000000000D+01.  
MEW= 0.690738592815978337D+00

SOLUTION OF ORTHOGONAL POLY EQS  
DEGREE OF POLYNOMIAL= 2

C= 0.10	NEWQ= 0.100000000410000000D+01
MEW=	0.356099811092644814D+00
MEW=	0.845386445712574643D+00
C= 0.20	NEWQ= 0.100009088650000000D+01
MEW=	0.357302600636103307D+00
MEW=	0.845880391086757301D+00
C= 0.30	NEWQ= 0.100259288800000000D+01
MEW=	0.358700122344089323D+00
MEW=	0.846444939335560777D+00
C= 0.40	NEWQ= 0.101458581600000000D+01
MEW=	0.360337660833101837D+00
MEW=	0.847097465297338205D+00
C= 0.50	NEWQ= 0.104438203400000000D+01
MEW=	0.362273118421217078D+00
MEW=	0.847862446957515205D+00
C= 0.60	NEWQ= 0.110213202200000000D+01
MEW=	0.364599372252632748D+00
MEW=	0.848780058453485255D+00
C= 0.70	NEWQ= 0.120680425800000000D+01
MEW=	0.367483084163177410D+00
MEW=	0.849922756337400644D+00
C= 0.80	NEWQ= 0.140763430100000000D+01
MEW=	0.371266094283419080D+00
MEW=	0.851440595362873866D+00
C= 0.90	NEWQ= 0.190320484300000000D+01
MEW=	0.376870168219829794D+00
MEW=	0.853745279910435785D+00



# SOLUTION OF ORTHOGONAL POLY EQS

DEGREE OF POLYNOMIAL= 3

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C= 0.10 NEWO= 0.1000000004100000000D+01
      MEW= 0.212988667340323446D+00
      MEW= 0.591242238597260440D+00
      MEW= 0.911608369562236478D+00

C= 0.20 NEWO= 0.1000090886500000000D+01
      MEW= 0.213737532982850098D+00
      MEW= 0.592049050591231209D+00
      MEW= 0.911830087228372579D+00

C= 0.30 NEWO= 0.1002592888000000000D+01
      MEW= 0.214614753197020037D+00
      MEW= 0.592978713388220060D+00
      MEW= 0.912083590941983860D+00

C= 0.40 NEWO= 0.1014585816000000000D+01
      MEW= 0.215649977538487292D+00
      MEW= 0.594060657624868328D+00
      MEW= 0.912376841312288891D+00

C= 0.50 NEWO= 0.1044382034000000000D+01
      MEW= 0.216879334661280155D+00
      MEW= 0.595334556254601922D+00
      MEW= 0.912721136871185902D+00

C= 0.60 NEWO= 0.1102132022000000000D+01
      MEW= 0.218359710213189829D+00
      MEW= 0.596864907951021452D+00
      MEW= 0.913135040392444355D+00

C= 0.70 NEWO= 0.1206804258000000000D+01
      MEW= 0.220192522803336033D+00
      MEW= 0.598767801279973357D+00
      MEW= 0.913652070625903436D+00

C= 0.80 NEWO= 0.1407634301000000000D+01
      MEW= 0.222584470158835757D+00
      MEW= 0.601282560596519035D+00
      MEW= 0.914341835016603002D+00

C= 0.90 NEWO= 0.1903204843000000000D+01
      MEW= 0.226087941087098443D+00
      MEW= 0.605060317577226671D+00
      MEW= 0.915396174820125455D+00
    
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# SOLUTION OF ORTHOGONAL POLY EQS

DEGREE OF POLYNOMIAL= 4

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C= 0.10 NEWO= 0.1000000004100000000D+01.
      MEW= 0.140158061839247239D+00
      MEW= 0.417053267152732588D+00
      MEW= 0.723591062953710208D+00
      MEW= 0.942999128308656512D+00

C= 0.20 NEWO= 0.100009088650000000D+01.
      MEW= 0.140619955196234514D+00
      MEW= 0.417790141756631784D+00
      MEW= 0.724083577221972520D+00
      MEW= 0.943115849813693788D+00

C= 0.30 NEWO= 0.100259288800000000D+01.
      MEW= 0.141163342228901456D+00
      MEW= 0.418644740710078623D+00
      MEW= 0.724649479243453245D+00
      MEW= 0.943249359316905614D+00

C= 0.40 NEWO= 0.101458581600000000D+01.
      MEW= 0.141806944639029098D+00
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      MEW= 0.142572885760819190D+00
      MEW= 0.420825737929044408D+00
      MEW= 0.726080263327094146D+00
      MEW= 0.943585524275476931D+00

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      MEW= 0.143495540604271810D+00
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      MEW= 0.144635885094248806D+00
      MEW= 0.424006545401425684D+00
      MEW= 0.728170843240150136D+00
      MEW= 0.944077814294360000D+00

C= 0.80 NEWO= 0.140763430100000000D+01.
      MEW= 0.146117613302703831D+00
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      MEW= 0.729712486008429552D+00
      MEW= 0.944443845224668624D+00

C= 0.90 NEWO= 0.190320484300000000D+01.
      MEW= 0.148269279188025394D+00
      MEW= 0.429758214296089137D+00
      MEW= 0.732049998307411144D+00
      MEW= 0.945005609755389745D+00
    
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# SOLUTION OF ORTHOGONAL POLY EQS

DEGREE OF POLYNOMIAL= 5

C= 0.10 NEWO= 0.100000000410000000D+01.  
 MEW= 0.987900516829540722D-01  
 MEW= 0.305045090078419890D+00  
 MEW= 0.562517539371401656D+00  
 MEW= 0.802261180889399842D+00  
 MEW= 0.960250822436864841D+00

C= 0.20 NEWO= 0.100009088650000000D+01.  
 MEW= 0.990864402589068051D-01  
 MEW= 0.305630808375644848D+00  
 MEW= 0.563078671700714041D+00  
 MEW= 0.802572366261665596D+00  
 MEW= 0.960319388256539245D+00

C= 0.30 NEWO= 0.100259288800000000D+01.  
 MEW= 0.994359444634028479D-01  
 MEW= 0.306313376236721525D+00  
 MEW= 0.563726448653687841D+00  
 MEW= 0.802929487079745743D+00  
 MEW= 0.960397842589372889D+00

C= 0.40 NEWO= 0.101458581600000000D+01.  
 MEW= 0.998507007734588116D-01  
 MEW= 0.307115211679411005D+00  
 MEW= 0.564481667407017087D+00  
 MEW= 0.803343972103539276D+00  
 MEW= 0.960488700640780739D+00

C= 0.50 NEWO= 0.104438203400000000D+01.  
 MEW= 0.100344756833874271D+00  
 MEW= 0.308064357338662376D+00  
 MEW= 0.565372174690492104D+00  
 MEW= 0.803831796865779328D+00  
 MEW= 0.960595553961684350D+00

C= 0.60 NEWO= 0.110213202200000000D+01.  
 MEW= 0.100939739096429548D+00  
 MEW= 0.309205397357072798D+00  
 MEW= 0.566443136743691868D+00  
 MEW= 0.804419130793758089D+00  
 MEW= 0.960724311206649877D+00

C= 0.70 NEWO= 0.120680425800000000D+01.  
 MEW= 0.101673874404150411D+00  
 MEW= 0.310618013813291328D+00  
 MEW= 0.567775787788195887D+00  
 MEW= 0.805153213967059858D+00  
 MEW= 0.960885659358245907D+00

C= 0.80 NEWO= 0.140763430100000000D+01.  
 MEW= 0.102624464362816070D+00  
 MEW= 0.312464916770477431D+00  
 MEW= 0.569537474465687411D+00  
 MEW= 0.806132043675097523D+00  
 MEW= 0.961101860326380123D+00

C= 0.90 NEWO= 0.190320484300000000D+01.  
 MEW= 0.103996012184870779D+00  
 MEW= 0.315182124349303195D+00  
 MEW= 0.572182954984964455D+00  
 MEW= 0.807625070721769592D+00  
 MEW= 0.961434561831629257D+00

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